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SUBJECT: Overview of *Draft Staff Report on Recommended Changes to California's Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List*.

DISCUSSION: Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act requires the State to identify surface waters that are not meeting water quality standards. This identification of waters is referred to as the "303(d) list". The 303(d) list identifies the water body (or portion of the water body) and the pollutant(s) that do not meet water quality standards. Federal regulations promulgated last year require the States to update their 303(d) lists and submit that update to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval by April 1, 2002.

The Regional Boards have been asked to solicit surface water quality information from the public on behalf of the State Water Resources Control Board. The Regional Boards have also been asked to evaluate all available surface water quality information and to provide recommendations to the State Board as to which water bodies should be included on the 303(d) list.

Regional Board staff has developed a draft staff report with recommended changes to the 303(d) list. The draft report is currently undergoing public review and comment. The staff report provides the rationale and documentation for recommended changes to the 303(d) list. The draft report recommends the addition of 56 water body/pollutant combinations to the 303(d) list and the removal of 3 water body/pollutant combinations from the list.

The State Board will take Regional Board recommendations into consideration as the State Board prepares the state-wide 303(d) list.

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

Mgmt. Review _____

Legal Review _____